

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended as set forth above. With regard to the cancelled claims, applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of any of the cancelled claims in any forthcoming continuation application(s). Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance.

I. Examiner Interview dated January 27, 2008

An interview was held on January 27, 2008. The changes herein were discussed. Applicants believe that an agreement was reached that the case is in condition for allowance.

II. Notice of Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9-11, and 13-16 were indicated as including allowable subject matter. Applicants greatly appreciate Examiner Colan's Notice. As more fully set forth below, applicants believe that the other claims of the application are also in condition for allowance.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 101

Claims 1-3, and 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The claims have been amended to recite a "computer-implemented method." Also, claim 1 has been amended to recite "*causing a processor of a computing device to compute* the field-weighted score from the virtual document index based on the query." Accordingly, applicants assert that claims 1-3 and 5-8 are now in condition for allowance.

IV. New Claims

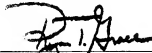
Claims 52-58 are new. Applicants assert that the claims include features that are not taught or otherwise suggested by the cited references. Furthermore, applicants assert that the claims include statutory subject matter. Consideration and allowance of new claims 52-58 is respectfully solicited.

V. Request for Reconsideration

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicants at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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